

**DEPARTMENT
POLICY**

State Emergency Relief (SER) prevents serious harm to individuals and families. SER assists applicants with safe, decent, affordable housing and other essential needs when an emergency situation arises.

Requirements

Residence in the state of Michigan is not required. SER serves all persons physically present in Michigan. In addition SER applicants must:

- Complete the application process.
- Meet financial and non-financial requirements.
- Have an emergency which threatens health or safety and can be resolved through issuance of SER.
- Take action within their ability to help themselves. For example, obtain potential resources and/or apply for assistance.
- Not have caused the emergency; see ERM 204, Client-Caused Emergencies.
- Cooperate in providing information about income, assets, living arrangements, and other persons living in the home.

Deny SER services for applicants who fail to meet any of the above requirements.